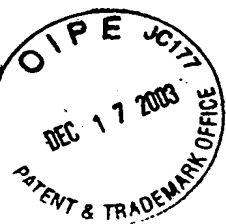


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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and following the Examiner's final rejection dated July 17, 2003, Applicant submits herewith his Request for Continued Examination.

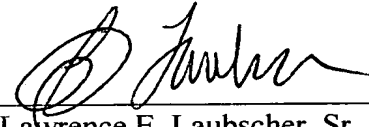
Applicant is preparing new evidence in support of patentability, which will include laboratory evidence to be submitted in Declaration form. Also, Applicant is submitting herewith a Preliminary Amendment requesting amendment of the Specification and Claims (as previously submitted in the unentered Amendment After Final Rejection filed November 13, 2003).

Favorable action is courteously solicited.

The \$385.00 government fee (small entity) set forth in § 1.17(e) is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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